



Scotland Island Residents' Association Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: November 16, 2011
Venue: SD residence
Present: Bill Gye, Cass Gye, Carol Floyd, Judy Readman, Graeme Crayford, Sharon Kinnison, Sue Dickson, Alan Gaines, Maria MT, Ian Souter, Karin Krueger
In Attendance: Jenny Cullen
Apologies: Victoria Jay, Jaya Param
Opening: Meeting opened at 10:20 am
Formalities: October Minutes accepted

1. Welcome and Apologies:

2. Previous Minutes: Actions Outstanding and Updates

2.1. Vehicle Registration: SIRA is opposed to any unregistered vehicles on the Island and the risk to residents. All vehicles should be registered to cover for third party liability.

Action: CG draft notice for PON **HELD OVER**

2.2. Water & Wastewater: Water testing; meeting with Council, Sydney Water and Rob Stokes.

Action: **HELD OVER**

2.3. Special Rate Committee: GC submitted EOI for SIRA; GC reported that he was not elected. KL was elected, from bays **Action:** Liaise with KL to keep SIRA informed

2.4. Dwelling and population statistics for website **Action:** CG to provide info **HELD OVER**

2.5. Church Point Parking Signs: BG attended Council meeting September 19 and put a compromise proposal forward: "That parking from Holmeport to the bus turning circle be amended to: 4 P 6am to 12 midnight CCHP Exempt and No Parking from 12 midnight to 6am CCHP Exempt". Referred back to Traffic Committee for consideration.

Action: BG to attend meeting November 29 to advocate this proposal

2.6. Community Building Partnership Grant: BG has submitted application for Elsie steps

2.7. Website: CF to send updated logo to SIRA Committee **HELD OVER**

2.8. Water Police: Police to put notice in PON and link on Website regarding boat theft

3. Treasurer's Report: Audit statement received with unqualified approval. FYE statement submitted with Auditor's report to DOT. \$840.00 memberships due to be banked. No contact for MS Access database to upgrade invoice facility as yet. TUG money majority received. BAS July-Sept lodged. CG discussed outsourcing accounts with NG. Quote approx. \$2,850 p.a. maximum. **Motion:** That SIRA outsource entering of accounts as a trial for six months and then review. Proposed GC; Seconded AG. Meeting agreed. Thanks to CG for many hours of effort.

Action: CG to continue postings until December and hand to NG for BAS lodgment

4. Significant Correspondence:

4.1. Out

PWC:Paul Davies re: Roads & Drainage works

4.2. In:

Church Point

- Mark Eriksson
- Letter from residents
- DW letter
- JC letter
- Letter from JC, SK and others on CP
- SK and CH documents tabled last meeting

To be sent to Committee **Action: CG to send when received**

McCarrs Creek Parking: Ricky Kwok, Civil Design and Traffic Engineer regarding parking signs and notification of Traffic Committee meeting.

5. Current Issues:

5.1. Strategic Planning Day: JR reported. Minutes from AP sent to SIRAC. Purpose: to re-examine role of SIRA and how to communicate effectively to the community. Used Constitution objectives as a guide. Outcomes: role of SIRAC to assist community to achieve; to be driven by the community and respond to them; to put the 'residents' back in SIRA. SIRAC as the management team needs to communicate more about what and how we work for the community. Discussed developing a regular communications plan and contracting a "PR" person to manage this using a variety of mediums. One member of SIRAC to write a 'good news' story for the PON each month. CG pointed out that actions are often driven by Council objectives. JR said need to communicate these drivers to members. We should identify ourselves as SIRA Committee (SIRAC). KK said she could possibly take on the communications management as an Island resident with her own professional PR company. Constitution to be reviewed at some stage. **Action: BG to seek grant for communications person; stories in PON; JR submitted first article for December PON on TUG**

5.2. AGM: New date January 22, 2012 with possible follow-up public meeting with Council staff. Meeting agreed. **Action: CG to apply for DFT extension; notice to go out in December; CF to put into website event calendar; questions to be requested in advance by email. Facilitator to be considered for CP issue**

5.3. Tennis Wharf Pontoon: 36 members; some contributions still outstanding. Further work to strengthen ramp to be completed; Council organising engineer's certificate. TUG meeting today to update members. Old pontoon being dismantled. JR reported plan to reuse Commuter Wharf at Cargo. A picnic bench has been built at Cargo by local residents. JR optimistic about community process to improve Cargo. Extra pontoons at Tennis might be used; BG suggested that SIRAC allow three months for other groups to submit an EOI to use the pontoons; after that give them away. **Action: JR to liaise between Wharf User Groups**

5.4. Roads and Drainage: AG reported on communication from Council; Council will address this year the first of our three main concerns, to include designs. Next year a major drainage design plan and Traffic Management Plan. SK suggested we should communicate the plans to affected residents. **Action: AG to submit R & D story for January PON to inform location of works and invite participation. AG to convene R&D Committee meeting to review works**

5.5. Island Café: CG had emailed proposal in advance from MP. The proposal be considered initially by the Hall Committee; obtain feedback from the community. Lindsay Godfrey, Community Services advised that the Café could be classified as a hirer. A social enterprise venture could be considered; SK suggested a Café Project Team to include other interested residents. **Action: Hall Committee to meet and discuss proposal; CF report to SIRAC**

5.6. Emergency Water: Dispute has arisen over a customer allegedly taking water outside of allotted time. CG proposed that bookings be made via email to keep communication clear. Meeting agreed. **Action: CG to try to resolve without escalating issue.**

5.7. Water Taxi: CG reported that a grant from DOT is being investigated. Water taxi may cease operating 9 pm. Question of advance bookings raised; or suggested regular taxi timetable. **Action: CG to liaise with JP, WPCA and meet with Water Taxi owners**

5.8. Watermarks: AP to reimburse full loan to SIRA. Art raffle planned to raise money for the debt. Winners to be drawn on Christmas Eve.

5.9. Bennett's Boatshed: Action to write letter of support to Council not sent because CPRRA did not submit letter. BG queried if SIRAC should send late submission.

Action: JC to draft a letter for PON reminding people that they can still send submissions

5.10. Church Point Commuter Wharf:

- Due to all the correspondence and discussion that this topic has raised, BG suggested another meeting to explore issues more fully.
- IS suggested that the PON should have a "Letters to Editor" section, as it appears that some of the correspondence has come from the Editor and it is not clear it is private opinion.
- IS updated the meeting: Six EOI for Stage 1 received; tenders have not yet been sent out; three Options to tender. A hydrographics survey will be finalised this week which will show depth of the water to evaluate the feasibility of the three Options; Options have to be superimposed on the POM to ensure they comply in regard to possible future land reclamation; Options do not address the problem of the road safety on the corner.
- JC addressed meeting with concerns for process. Delegation sent a letter to Council with a list of questions, copied to BG. Council informed there were no options for change, but she thought the POM stated there would be consultation at every stage. SK said there needed to be a more consultation and, in her view, we need to advocate for the cheapest and most flexible option; the community needs to be consulted.
- Meeting to be scheduled at a later date

PROJECT UPDATES:

5.11. Website: More links on home page and latest approved SIRA minutes; still quite a few outstanding items to action, especially list of services and trades.

HELD OVER: CF to send cropped jpg to Committee members

5.12. Community Vehicle: CG reported that new drivers are needed. Driver meeting to be called.

5.13. Community Hall: No report; kitchen taps fixed; Perspex for wall hanging not resolved.

Next meeting: January 10, 2012 Venue: TBC